

Jordan will continue to provide the model, but we need your support and contribution.

I do not want to keep you any longer; suffice it to say that I am very grateful to all of you for your interest, your support, and your determination to help us attain a dream that befits the dawn of a new millennium.

Thank you again, and we hope to see you in the near future in our part of the world.●

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR CLINT CROSIER

Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize Major Clinton E. Crosier, an Air Force Fellow on my staff, and commend his superior performance throughout this past year as a key member of my national security team.

Major Crosier has been on active duty since 1988. During his 11-year career he has served as an Executive Office and Operations Management Officer, during which time he deployed to Saudi Arabia during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He has served as a Satellite Operations Flight Commander, overseeing the operations of part of the Air Force's multibillion dollar constellation of military communications satellites; and also as a Missile Operations Crew Commander and Flight Commander, supervising the training and certification of over 200 of the nuclear launch officers serving as the backbone of America's nuclear deterrent.

During his career, his outstanding performance and professionalism has been recognized by his selection as the 90th Missile Wing's Staff Officer of the Year; 28th Air Division's Company Grade Officer of the Year and Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award Winner; three-time selection as unit Company Grade Officer of the Year; Unit Evaluator of the Year; and Unit Flight Commander of the Year. Major Crosier is also a Distinguished Graduate of the Air Force's Operations Management Officer school and Squadron Officer School, and graduated first in his class during satellite operations training and missile operations training.

Upon arrival at the Pentagon just over a year ago, Major Crosier was tasked with building the Air Force's first ever Air Command and Staff College program for Congressional staff. This program, known as ACSC, is a 44-week graduate level program designed to provide mid-career officers with an in-depth understanding of the principles and application of air and space power. This was the first time in history this program had been offered to Congressional staff. In this capacity, Major Crosier was directly responsible for the graduation of 18 staff members from both the House and Senate in a ceremony last month over which the Secretary of the Air Force presided. During this ceremony, Secretary Peters heralded the Capitol Hill ACSC

seminar Major Crosier built as a "very important tool to cement the important partnership between the Air Force and the Congress . . . that will serve indefinitely as a bridge between our two great institutions." Additionally, Secretary Peters praised Major Crosier personally by describing his effort as an "astronomical benefit" to the Air Force.

Most recently, Major Crosier was one of only 10 officers in the entire Air Force selected for the prestigious Legislative Fellowship program, through which he came to work as a member of my personal staff. The Air Force's Legislative Fellowship program is designed to identify the Air Force's highest caliber performers through an extremely competitive selection process. These individuals are then provided an in-depth education in the legislative processes of Congress through a one-year assignment in a Member's office, to prepare them for future senior leadership positions in the Air Force. Throughout the past year, he has been an invaluable resource to me, and a credit to the United States Air Force.

Due to his vast experience in space and missile operations, Clint was able to provide me with expert assistance in my capacity as Chairman of the Strategic Force Subcommittee on Armed Services, providing technical expertise on a myriad of advanced space operations and missile defense programs. He quickly became an expert on dozens of programs critical to national security. Major Crosier also was responsible for performing topical research and preparing me for dozens of Armed Services Committee hearings, and provided a vital role on a number of wide ranging issues from the Department of Defense Authorization and Appropriations Bills to the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and the Vieques Weapons Range.

Major Crosier has been an outstanding addition to my staff, and has served with the highest degree of integrity and distinction. His performance has earned my highest praise, and he has distinguished himself as one of the top military officers I have had the great privilege to know during 16 years in Congress. Major Crosier has demonstrated himself to be one of the Air Force's brightest future senior leaders. As Major Crosier departs the Senate to serve on the personal staff of the Secretary of the Air Force, I extend my sincerest appreciation for his valuable and professional service. I will not only miss Clint's knowledge and efficiency, I will also miss his enthusiasm. Clint is an honorable and dedicated individual. I wish he, his wife Shelle, and their children, all the best in future endeavors.

SENATE COMMITTEE CHANGES

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 228, submitted earlier by Senators LOTT and DASCHLE.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 228) making changes to Senate committees for the 106th Congress.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 228) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 228

Resolved, That notwithstanding the provisions of S. Res. 400 of the 95th Congress, or the provisions of rule XXV, the following changes shall be effective on those Senate committees listed below for the 106th Congress, or until their successors are appointed:

Committee on Intelligence: Add Mr. Mack.

SENATE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 229 submitted earlier by Senator LOTT.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 229) making certain majority appointments to certain Senate committees for the 106th Congress.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 229) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 229

Resolved, That notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXV, the following shall constitute the majority membership on those Senate committees listed below for the 106th Congress, or until their successors are appointed.

Committee on Finance: Mr. Roth (Chairman), Mr. Grassley, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Murkowski, Mr. Nickles, Mr. Gramm, Mr. Lott, Mr. Jeffords, Mr. Mack, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Coverdell.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Mr. Helms (Chairman), Mr. Lugar, Mr. Hagel, Mr. Smith of Oregon, Mr. Grams, Mr. Brownback, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Ashcroft, Mr. Frist, and Mr. Chafee.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Mr. Smith of New Hampshire (Chairman), Mr. Warner, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Bond, Mr. Voinovich, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Hutchinson, and Mr. Chafee.

Committee on Ethics: Mr. Roberts (Chairman), Mr. Smith of New Hampshire, and Mr. Voinovich.